



CKE/SPO
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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to provide you with further details about how our school will be open to students in Year 10 and Year 12 from Monday 15 June.

Firstly, we all know that The Hart School has been fully open to a small group of children since the announcement of lock down well over two months ago. This will NOT CHANGE for those students. They will continue to complete work in school, supported by our staff. Their day will also continue as before, 8.40 am in the morning until 3.10 pm, with normal break and lunch time.

Secondly, since the government's announcement, we have been regularly meeting both as a Trust and school to determine how we best manage the return, so that all guidance about health and safety is in place, whilst face to face contact with students maximises learning.

Based on the guidance, 25% of Year 10 and Year 12 can be present in the school at any one moment at a time. In addition, their time in school can be managed flexibly whilst any face to face contact with a specialist teacher, supplements the remote learning which has been taking place since the school closed.

For children in Years 7-9, remote learning will continue as normal

The following points below, therefore, set out and clarifies for parents, carers and students the key principles by which the school will open its doors and organise the learning for the students who are invited in.

'Learn Safely' at The Hart School

- 25% of Year 10 (47 students) and 20% of Year 12 (12 students) will be invited in, on any day, at a time.
- Your child will be invited in once per week, Monday to Thursday and could be invited to attend on a Friday also, depending if further catch up is deemed necessary by the school.
- Face to face support will take place over a four week period.
- The final week of term, w/c 13 July, will be reserved for Transition activities for our new Year 7 students and therefore your child will revert to full time remote learning.
- Socially distancing markings on the ground will be spaced out at 2 metre intervals.



- The start times for the students will be staggered to avoid students forming groups.
- All students should enter via the student single gate at the front of the school. They will exit via the set of two pedestrian gates by The Hub.
- Students will be allocated a 'bubble' - a small, socially distanced group of students who will, upon entry into the school, remain together, thereby significantly reducing the risk of interactions with other students.
- Students will line up in their 'bubble', either on the Year 11 Zone or at the student entrance to school, which is at the top of the steps from the science block car park. Students will be informed of which entrance to use prior to their day in school.
- Students will be escorted to their 'bubble' (a classroom) in the school, where they will be taught by a specialist teacher.
- Expectations and 'rules' will be shared prior to learning

What are the 'rules'?

- All students will be expected to maintain social distancing at all times whilst on the school site. It is not possible to guarantee social distancing when students are walking to and from school, and we would request your support in reinforcing the importance of maintaining social distancing when not on the school site.
- Where there is deliberate NON-COMPLIANCE of this rule, parents/carers will be contacted immediately and your child will be sent home: social distancing applies at ALL TIMES whilst on site, including within the classroom where students can, of course, ask a teacher for help.

What will be taught and when?

- Schools can organise their curriculum offer and school timings accordingly.
- The students in Year 10 will be taught the basics and core only: English, mathematics, science and humanities. We will offer two lessons per week.
- In the first week, we will deliver English and maths; the following week science and humanities and repeat this cycle over a four week period.
- We believe that in order to maximise your child's learning we need to look back at what they have been learning remotely over the last two months and focus on checking their understanding and teaching any misconceptions.
- For students in Year 12, we will engage in virtual face to face meetings, led by Mr Brennan and Ms Walters, looking specifically at UCAS applications which are now due.
- The school day will be as follows: 9.00 am - 12.45 pm.
- Lessons will be for 1 hour and 30 minutes (2 per day).
- Students will have a break where they will be organised to practise social distancing. Students can bring in their own breaktime snacks. Food for students on free school meals only will be provided as normal.



Uniform and equipment expectations?

- We will expect all students to wear full school uniform, including blazer and tie and correct black, polishable footwear.
- Students **MUST** bring their own equipment for learning which should be labelled and placed in a pencil case.

What about attendance?

- Attendance during this time, for Year 10 students, is not compulsory; however, we will need to report to the DfE on students attending and those not attending. This is simply for safeguarding purposes and to inform on reasons for absence. All absences will be authorised at this time. The school has been asked to offer places to Year 10 students, but you must make a decision that is right for you, your family and your work circumstances. The government has confirmed that there will be no penalties for non-attendance. Please be assured that we will support you in whatever decision you make.

What happens next?

- We will contact you again by the afternoon of Wednesday 10 June, when we will provide you with details about which day your child will be expected to attend.

We know the decision to allow your child to return to school is a difficult one and you may have already made the decision not to. There may be instances where your child is shielding or self-isolating.

To help the school to plan for expected numbers of students, we would be grateful if you could find the time to contact us by phone, stating the reason for non-attendance or email us at remotelearning@hartschool.org.uk

We thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming back our students.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Keen
Principal